

Studies Compilation

2024 Legislative Interim Study Information

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Overview. This is a compilation of studies and studies-related information, including legislative appointments, mandated reports by the executive branch, major state board and commission changes, and other related changes, for consideration by the Studies Committee of the Legislative Council. Except for the list of executive branch studies, items are listed in bill or resolution order. Attached to the compilation is an appendix containing the original legislation or document that caused the item to be included. Each appendix item is marked to correspond with the listing number in this document; for example, item 1 under part A is marked as A-1.

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A. Mandated or Authorized Legislative Studies in Code or Session Law

1. The **Legislative Health Policy Oversight Committee** is created as a permanent body under the Legislative Council. The committee consists of five legislators from each chamber appointed by the Legislative Council, and is required to be composed of 10 members of the General Assembly appointed by the Legislative Council and may meet annually during the legislative interim to provide continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, and to ensure effective and efficient administration of the program, address stakeholder concerns, monitor program costs and expenditures, and to make recommendations. (Iowa Code §2.45(5))
2. The **Legislative School Finance Formula Review Committee** is required to be appointed every five years to conduct regular reviews of the school finance formula and produce a school finance formula status report for submission to the General Assembly. The fifth status report is required to be submitted by January 1, 2025. (Iowa Code §257.1(4))
3. The **Legislative Fuel Distribution Percentage Formula Review Committee** is required to be appointed every five years to conduct regular reviews of the fuel distribution percentage formulas and produce a fuel distribution percentage formula status report for submission to the General Assembly. The second status report is required to be submitted by January 1, 2025. (Iowa Code §452A.3(1)(c))

B. Legislative Study Requests in Enacted Legislation

1. The Legislative Council is requested to convene an area education agency task force to study and make recommendations regarding **improving outcomes of students who utilize services provided by area education agencies and the funding and operation of area education agencies**. The task force shall submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2024. The statute makes specific requests related to committee membership including eight voting members appointed by the Legislative Council from specified parental or educational roles who represent different geographic regions of the state, a voting member appointed by the Governor, a voting member appointed by the Director of the Department of Education, a voting member who is the Chief Operating Officer of the Heartland Area Education Agency, three ex-officio members from the Senate, two of whom shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and three ex officio members from the House of Representatives, two of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2612, §16)

C. Legislative Study and Permanent Committee Requests in Adopted or Filed Resolutions

None

D. Legislative Study Requests Submitted in a Letter or Memo

None

E. Executive Branch Studies Involving Legislative Appointments or a Special Directive

Education-Related Items

1. The **Director of the Department of Education** is required to conduct a comprehensive review of **high school graduation requirements, core curriculum, core content standards, and educational standards** and submit an initial report, including initial findings and recommendations for policy changes, to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2024. The Director of the Department of Education is required to submit a final report, including findings and recommendations for policy changes, to the Governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2545, §1)
2. Each **area education agency** is required to submit a report regarding **progress made in reducing expenditures, a proposal for the reorganization of services, and progress made in improving student outcomes** to the Director of the Department of Education and the General Assembly by January 1, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2612, §17)

3. The **State Board of Regents** is required to submit a report regarding **activities, projects, and programs funded with moneys appropriated for capacity building infrastructure** to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2432, §13(1)(b)(1)(c))
4. The **Department of Education** is required to submit a report regarding **antibullying programming and current and projected expenditures** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2435, §2(1)(b))
5. The **Iowa Reading Research Center** is required to submit a report regarding collaborations with the State Board of Education relating to the **approval of practitioner preparation programs** and collaborations with the Board of Educational Examiners for the **establishment and continuing oversight of the advanced dyslexia specialist endorsement**. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2435, §2(16)(b))
6. A health care organization **receiving moneys to provide grief and loss services to children** shall submit a report, in collaboration with the Department of Education, regarding the **expenditure of moneys for the implementation of a grief and loss rural pilot program for children in rural schools** to the General Assembly by September 30, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2435, §2(18)(b))
7. The **State Board of Regents** is required to submit a **quarterly financial report** to the General Assembly. The report submitted for the quarter ending December 31, 2024, shall include the **five-year graduation rates for the regents universities**. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2435, §6(1)(a))
8. Each **public institution of higher education** is required to submit a report certifying **compliance with Iowa Code chapter 261J** relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 of each year. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2435, §34)
9. Each **accredited private institution** of higher learning is required to submit a report containing **certain information and statistics for the previous academic year** annually by December 15, beginning on December 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2435, §40)

Public Safety-Related Items

10. The **Department of Public Safety**, in collaboration with the Department of Education and the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, is required to convene a task force to study and make recommendations related to the **safety and security standards of school and school infrastructure**. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations, including a proposal for modifications to the state building code, to the General Assembly by December 31, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2652, §8)

Economic Development-Related Items

11. The **Economic Development Authority** is required to submit a summary of reports

relating to **targeted small businesses** to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15 of each year. This requirement was transferred from Iowa Code section 15.106(6)(c)(1) to new Iowa Code section 73.22 and slightly modified. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2289, §8, 13)

12. The **Department of Workforce Development** is required to submit a report containing a list of **all expenditures from the workforce opportunity fund** made in the previous fiscal year to the General Assembly and the Legislative Services Agency by December 31 of each year. The Legislative Services Agency shall provide a copy of the report to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the Joint Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2411, §19)
13. The **Economic Development Authority** is required to submit a report regarding the **activities of the tourism office funded by appropriated moneys** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2432, §2(6)(c))
14. The **Economic Development Authority** is required to submit a report regarding **any form of financial assistance awarded to a person during the prior fiscal year under an economic development program** to the General Assembly by November 1, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2432, §4)
15. The **Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division** of the Department of Workforce Development is required to submit a report regarding the **division's outreach efforts with community rehabilitation program providers** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2432, §9(6))

Health and Human Services-Related Items

16. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to review and submit a report regarding **qualified child health plan benefits** under the Hawki program to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2402, §5)
17. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to review and submit a report regarding the **reduction of regulatory barriers and restrictions** to the Governor and General Assembly by March 1, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2402, §6)
18. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to report the number of **biomarker tests provided during fiscal year 2025 and the resulting costs of providing biomarker testing** before November 1, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2668, §2)
19. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly regarding **funds administered by and the effectiveness of behavioral health services provided by the behavioral health service system** beginning after July 1, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2673, §104)
20. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report that details the **administrative and operational costs for the establishment, implementation, and administration of the state behavioral health service system** to the General Assembly by January 13, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2673, §163(4)(n))

21. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report regarding the **distribution of new full-time equivalent positions** across the organizational divisions of the department to the General Assembly by December 15, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2698, §19(4))
22. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report on a quarterly basis regarding the **expenditure of moneys for which nonreversion was authorized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023**, to the General Assembly beginning October 1, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2698, §40)
23. The **Department of Health and Human Services**, in consultation with Medicaid provider associations and stakeholders, is required to submit a report regarding all **options identified for a revised payment model for reimbursement of assisted living programs that provide services for Medicaid recipients** to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2698, §60)
24. The **Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing** is required to submit annually a report regarding **health care employment agencies**, including registrations, fees, violations, and penalties, to the General Assembly beginning January 15. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2698, §67)
25. The **Department of Health and Human Services** is required to submit a report including **itemized departmental expenditures** of each program under the department's administration and **statistical reports concerning payments made under the department's administration** to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2285, §4)
26. The **Department of Health and Human Services**, in consultation with the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing, is required to conduct a study regarding the **effectiveness of the existing certificate of need process** and submit a report including its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §370)

Justice-Related Items

27. The **Department of Justice** is required to submit a report with the department's budget estimates regarding **funding from sources other than direct appropriations and revisions occurring as a result of reimbursements** to the Department of Management and the Legislative Services Agency by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2693, §1(2)(b))
28. The **Department of Corrections** is required to submit a report regarding **private sector employment of offenders** to the General Assembly by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2693, §7(2))
29. The **Department of Corrections** is required to submit a report regarding **electronic monitoring of offenders** by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2693, §8)
30. The **Department of Corrections** is required to conduct a study on the **salaries of corrections officers of the department** and submit a report to the General Assembly

by December 15, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2693, §25)

31. The **judicial branch** is required to submit a report regarding **moneys received and expended from the Court Technology and Modernization Fund** and **plans for expenditures from the fund** to the General Assembly and the Department of Management by January 1, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2436, §1(8))

Defense-Related Items

32. The **Department of Public Defense** is required to submit a report regarding **maintenance and improvement projects at Iowa National Guard facilities** to the General Assembly by December 15, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2691, §1(8)(d))

Veterans-Related Items

33. The **Department of Veterans Affairs** is required to submit the **Iowa Veterans Home expenditure reports** to the General Assembly on a monthly basis. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2698, §1(2))

Revenue-Related Items

34. The Director of the **Department of Revenue** is required to submit a report regarding the **vapor products directory, including the revenues and expenditures relating to vapor products**, to the General Assembly by January 15 of each year after the director first establishes the vapor products directory. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2677, §10)

Agriculture and Natural Resources-Related Items

35. The **Department of Natural Resources** is required to submit a report regarding **maintenance projects at the state parks in Iowa** to the General Assembly by July 1, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2691, §1(7)(c))
36. The **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship** is required to submit a report describing the **expenditure of moneys appropriated to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs** to the General Assembly and the Department of Management in each quarter of the 2025 fiscal year. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2421, §1(3))
37. The **Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship** is required to submit a report, including its findings and recommendations, regarding a **choose Iowa food purchasing pilot project** to the Governor and General Assembly by January 15, 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2421, §5(7))
38. The **Department of Natural Resources** is required to submit a report describing the **expenditure of moneys appropriated to support the department's administration, regulation, and programs** to the General Assembly and the Department of Management in each quarter of the 2025 fiscal year. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2421, §6(3))

Administration and Regulation-Related Items

39. The **Department of Management** is required to submit a report regarding **technology spending, technology appropriations, and technology cost savings** to the Governor and General Assembly by the second Monday of January each year. (2024 Iowa Acts, HF 2708, §5(21))
40. The **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** is required to submit a report regarding its **review of boards, including its findings and recommendations**, to the Governor and certain members of the General Assembly by December 21 of each year beginning in 2025. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §46)
41. The **Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing** is directed to conduct a review of all current **licensure renewal cycles for professional and occupational licenses** in this state and submit a report, including recommendations for a uniform renewal cycle, to the Governor and General Assembly by September 30, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §67)
42. The **Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing** is directed to conduct a review of all current **licensure fees for professional and occupational licenses** in this state and submit a report, including proposed fees, to the Governor and General Assembly by September 30, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §68)
43. The **Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing** is required to submit a report concerning the department's activities related to **fraud in public assistance programs** to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2433, §7(3)(b))

F. Mandatory and Requested Future Legislative-Related Studies

None

G. Committees, Boards, and Commissions Established or Changed in 2024 Acts

1. A **State Soil Conservation and Water Quality Committee** is established within the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §5)
No legislative appointments required.
2. The current duties of the **State Government Efficiency Review Committee** are eliminated and the committee is instead directed to review all boards within the state. Membership of the committee is also changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §48, and SF 2443, §32-34)
Legislative appointments required prior to January 31 of the first regular session of each general assembly. Two members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

3. The membership of the **State Historical Society Board of Trustees** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §130)
No legislative appointments required.
4. The membership of the **Economic Development Authority Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §144)
No legislative appointments required.
5. The membership of the **Iowa Innovation Council** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §148, 149)
No legislative appointments required.
6. The membership of the **Review Committee of the Community Attraction and Tourism Program** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §163)
No legislative appointments required.
7. The membership of the **Review Committee of the Vision Iowa Program** and the **River Enhancement Community Attraction and Tourism Project** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §164)
No legislative appointments required.
8. The membership of the **Review Committee of the Sports Tourism and Marketing and Infrastructure Program** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §165)
No legislative appointments required.
9. The membership of the **Volunteer Service Commission** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §166)
No legislative appointments required.
10. The membership of the **Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §180)
Legislative appointments required. One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
11. The membership of the **Workforce Development Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §181-186)
No legislative appointments required.
12. The Advisory Council for the **Information Program for Drug Prescribing and Dispensing** is converted into an advisory committee and the membership is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §204, 205)
No legislative appointments required.
13. The Iowa Child Death Review Team, Child Fatality Review Committee, and Iowa Domestic Abuse Death Review Team are merged into the **State Mortality Review Committee** and the membership has changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §211)
No legislative appointments required.

14. The membership of the **Board of Nursing, Board of Pharmacy, Board of Optometry, Board of Mortuary Science, and Board of Sign Language Interpreting and Transliterating** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §227)
No legislative appointments required.
15. The membership of the **Board of Veterinary Medicine** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §241)
No legislative appointments required.
16. The membership, organization, powers, and duties of the **Iowa State Civil Rights Commission** are changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §252-257)
No legislative appointments required.
17. The membership of the **State Board of Education** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §283)
No legislative appointments required.
18. The membership of the **Iowa Public Broadcasting Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §289)
No legislative appointments required.
19. The membership of the **College Student Aid Commission** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §290, 291)
No legislative appointments required.
20. The membership of the **County Finance Committee** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §318)
No legislative appointments required.
21. The membership of the **City Finance Committee** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §321)
No legislative appointments required.
22. The term of office for new members of the **Natural Resource Commission** is changed from six years to four years. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §322)
No legislative appointments required.
23. The membership of the **Iowa Accountancy Examining Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §344)
No legislative appointments required.
24. The membership of the **Real Estate Commission** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §346)
No legislative appointments required.
25. The membership of the **Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §347)
No legislative appointments required.
26. The membership of the **Architectural Examining Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts,

SF 2385, §348)

No legislative appointments required.

27. The Board of Directors of the Iowa Lottery is renamed to the **Iowa Lottery Commission** and the Iowa Utilities Board is renamed to the **Iowa Utilities Commission**. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §369)

No legislative appointments required.

28. The membership of the **Human Rights Board** is changed. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §446)

Legislative appointments required. One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

29. The membership of the **Deaf Services Commission** is changed and the commission assumes the duties of the former Dual Party Relay Council. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §453-455, 460)

No legislative appointments required.

30. The **Boards of Psychology, Social Work, and Behavioral Science** are merged into the **Board of Behavioral Health Professionals**. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §486)

No legislative appointments required.

H. Committees, Boards, Commissions, and Other Entities Abolished in 2024 Acts

1. The **State Interest Rate Committee** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §139)

2. The **Board of Hearing Aid Specialists** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §226)

3. The **Postsecondary Course Audit Committee** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §286)

4. The **Ongoing Quality Faculty Plan Professional Development Committee** and the **Community College Faculty Advisory Committee** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §293)

5. The **Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture Advisory Board** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §296)

6. The **Commission on Educator Leadership and Compensation** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §301)

7. The **Horizontal and Vertical Infrastructure Bid Threshold Subcommittees** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §309, 311)

8. The **Tourist Signing Committee** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §317)

9. The **Conservation Education Program Board** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §326)
10. The **State Advisory Board for Preserves** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §336, 368)
11. The **Interstate Cooperation Commission** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §367)
12. The following committees, boards, and other entities are abolished:
 - **Iowa Historical Records Advisory Board**
 - **Board of Trustees of the Iowa Cultural Trust**
 - **Enhance Iowa Board**
 - **Public Employment Relations Board**
 - **Drug Policy Advisory Council**
 - **Fire Extinguishing System Contractors and Alarm Systems Advisory Board**
 - **Child Care Advisory Committee**
 - **Farm Deer Council**
 - **Organic Products – Advisory Council**
 - **Grain Industry Peer Review Panel**
 - **Commercial Pesticide Applicator Peer Review Panel**
 - **Child Care Training and Development – Leadership Council**
 - **Child Support Lien Task Force**
 - **Community College Council**
 - **Nonpublic School Advisory Committee**
 - **Early Childhood Stakeholders Alliance**
 - **Area Education Agency – Advisory Group**
 - **Secondary Road Fund Distribution Committee**
 - **Street Construction Fund Distribution Advisory Committee**
 - **Commercial Air Service Retention and Expansion Committee**
 - **Iowa Streamlined Sales Tax Advisory Council**
 - **Compliance Advisory Panel**
 - **Public Outdoor Recreation and Resources Advisory Council**
 - **Watershed Planning Advisory Council**
 - **Consumer Advisory Panel**
 - **Farmer Advisory Committee**
 - **Interagency Advisory Council**
 - **Prison Industries Advisory Board**
 - **Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision State Council**(2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §368)
13. The **Children’s Behavioral Health System State Board** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §431)
14. The **Congenital and Inherited Disorders Advisory Committee** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §433)
15. The **Justice Advisory Board** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §443)

16. The **Commission and Office of Latino Affairs** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §448)
17. The **Commission and Office on the Status of Women** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §450)
18. The **Commission and Office on Persons with Disabilities** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §451)
19. The **Commission and Office on Status of African Americans** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §461)
20. The **Commission and Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §462)
21. The **Commission of Native American Affairs** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §463, 464)
22. The **Community Action Agency Commission** is abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §470)
23. The **Hawki Board and Advisory Committee for Children with Special Health Care Needs** are abolished. (2024 Iowa Acts, SF 2385, §474, 476)